

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-174. (Cancelled).

175. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving, using one or more processing units, a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, and wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms;

running, using the one or more processing units, an application at the calling entity, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library;

extracting, using the one or more processing units, the unique key and the text string from the resource library, wherein extracting includes using the function on the resource library;

determining, using the one or more processing units, the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library; and

determining, using the one or more processing units, whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library, and wherein extracting the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determining the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determining whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site are based upon a license parameter.

176. (New) The method of claim 175, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application.

177. (New) The method of claim 175, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

178. (New) The method of claim 175, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application.

179. (New) The method of claim 175, wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library includes determining whether the copy of the text string was validly issued by a resource library vendor.

180. (New) The method of claim 179, wherein the copy of the text string includes one or more licensing terms, and wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library further includes determining whether the one or more licensing terms have been met.

181. (New) The method of claim 180, wherein when the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and the function on the resource library returns control to the calling entity.

182. (New) The method of claim 180, wherein when the calling entity is not licensed to use the resource library, the function on the resource library generates an error message.

183. (New) The method of claim 175, wherein the unique key is an identifier that is mathematically derived from the text string, and wherein the unique key is used to detect changes to the text string.

184. (New) A system, comprising:

one or more processors;

one or more computer-readable storage mediums containing instructions configured to cause the one or more processors to perform operations, including:

receiving a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, and wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms;

running an application at the calling entity, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library;

extracting the unique key and the text string from the resource library, wherein extracting includes using the function on the resource library;

determining the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library; and

determining whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library, and wherein extracting the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determining the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determining whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site are based upon a license parameter.

185. (New) The system of claim 184, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application.

186. (New) The system of claim 184, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the

text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

187. (New) The system of claim 184, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application.

188. (New) The system of claim 184, wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library includes determining whether the copy of the text string was validly issued by a resource library vendor.

189. (New) The system of claim 188, wherein the copy of the text string includes one or more licensing terms, and wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library further includes determining whether the one or more licensing terms have been met.

190. (New) The system of claim 189, wherein when the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and the function on the resource library returns control to the calling entity.

191. (New) The system of claim 189, wherein when the calling entity is not licensed to use the resource library, the function on the resource library generates an error message.

192. (New) The system of claim 184, wherein the unique key is an identifier that is mathematically derived from the text string, and wherein the unique key is used to detect changes to the text string.

193. (New) A computer-program product, tangibly embodied in a machine-readable storage medium, including instructions configured to cause a data processing apparatus to:

receive a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, and wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a

function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms;

run an application at the calling entity, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library;

extract the unique key and the text string from the resource library, wherein extracting includes using the function on the resource library;

determine the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library; and

determine whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library, and wherein extracting the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determining the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determining whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site are based upon a license parameter.

194. (New) The computer-program product of claim 193, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application.

195. (New) The computer-program product of claim 193, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

196. (New) The computer-program product of claim 193, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application.

197. (New) The computer-program product of claim 193, wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library includes determining whether the copy of the text string was validly issued by a resource library vendor.

198. (New) The computer-program product of claim 197, wherein the copy of the text string includes one or more licensing terms, and wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library further includes determining whether the one or more licensing terms have been met.

199. (New) The computer-program product of claim 198, wherein when the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and the function on the resource library returns control to the calling entity.

200. (New) The computer-program product of claim 198, wherein when the calling entity is not licensed to use the resource library, the function on the resource library generates an error message.

201. (New) The computer-program product of claim 193, wherein the unique key is an identifier that is mathematically derived from the text string, and wherein the unique key is used to detect changes to the text string.

202. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving, using one or more processing units, a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is

associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application;

running, using the one or more processing units, an application at the calling entity, wherein the application is associated with the resource library, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library; and

using, using the one or more processing units, the function on the resource library to extract the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determine the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determine whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein:

when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and

when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

203. (New) A system, comprising:

one or more processors;

one or more computer-readable storage mediums containing instructions configured to cause the one or more processors to perform operations, including:

receiving a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application;

running an application at the calling entity, wherein the application is associated with the resource library, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library; and

using the function on the resource library to extract the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determine the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determine whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein:

when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and

when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

204. (New) A computer-program product, tangibly embodied in a machine-readable storage medium, including instructions configured to cause a data processing apparatus to:

receive a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application;

run an application at the calling entity, wherein the application is associated with the resource library, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library; and



use the function on the resource library to extract the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determine the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determine whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein:

when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and

when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.